

THE HOPE OF
DEMOCRACY

Woodrow Wilson is Strong After the New Jersey Battle

WHY WILSON LEADS

True Exponent of the Ideals of Democracy and American Citizenship Which "The Interests" Have Thwarted

Advocates of Gov. Woodrow Wilson's nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency are not at all cast down by the failure of the party in New Jersey to retain control of the lower House of the State Legislature. They do not believe this result will have the slightest effect on the Wilson Presidential boom, which they think has now reached a vigor and extent that insures its continued growth, regardless of minor setbacks of a purely local character. Democratic members of Congress who favor Wilson's nomination, and there are many of them, understand the peculiar situation that exists in the Democratic party in New Jersey and that was unquestionably responsible for the results.

They know that the followers of former Senator Smith thought more of getting even with Governor Wilson than they did of party success and therefore, in large numbers, gave their support to Republican legislative candidates in preference to the Democratic candidates whose election Governor Wilson sought in order that his party might gain the credit of enacting into law the progressive measures whose passage the Governor will endeavor to bring about during the remainder of his term.

Democratic members of Congress believe, moreover, that the progressive Democrats of the country understand the situation within the Democratic party in New Jersey and will not lessen their demand for the nomination of Governor Wilson for Presidency next year because New Jersey reverted to Republicanism to the extent of choosing a legislative majority of that party. Firm in this belief, Wilson's backers in Congress are confident he will continue to gain strength with the Democratic masses North and South from now on to the meeting of the National Convention of the party next July.

"Such opposition as there is to Governor Wilson is very bitter. His opponents seem to think it necessary to take all sorts of shots at him and trust to chance that he will not get the opportunity of denying the statements they make. The most malicious statements have come from the Republican press for they seem to consider Wilson the strongest man in the running.

Nor must we forget that the radicalism of Wilson which disturbs the East delights the Middle and Far West. The Wilson sentiment in the States of that region is undeniably powerful. It is testified to by travelers and observers of every sort and of all parties. If any Democrat can break into that chain of Republican States and carry enough of them to make election to the Presidency absolutely certain, Woodrow Wilson can. And let it not be forgotten that the Democrats under the new apportionment, cannot succeed on the old alignments or by the old combinations, but have now got to make conquests. It will not be sufficient to hold their own and win the traditionally doubtful States. They need a candidate who will make other States doubtful; who will put the Republicans on the defensive in Wisconsin and Minnesota; defeat them in Illinois, Colorado, or Nebraska; and fill them with fears concerning even Iowa and Kansas. The evidence is overwhelmingly strong that Governor Wilson is the Democrat who can come nearest to doing that. He is the man whom the stand-pat Republicans really dread, and for whom the progressive Republicans could most easily be got to vote.

Hence it is a fair conclusion that, looking at the matter purely as one of political strategy, Governor Wilson appears to be the most promising candidate for the Democracy, both East and West.

It is not necessary to dwell upon the other reasons which would make his candidacy one which could be contemplated with so much satisfaction and hope. Woodrow Wilson is of the very type of the highly trained and sinewy man whom we have so long desired to see take a leading part in our political life. He is a campaigner of extraordinary power. His speeches are of the kind that hold attention not merely by their form but by the thought and conviction which glow behind them. He would lend distinction to any cause which he advocated, and would carry with him into any office the qualities of a true man.

What man today in the United States appeals to the Democratic and independent voter more strongly than Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey? It is true that he is a successful leader. He stands for enforcement of law, for a direct primary of every officer to be elected. He stands for economy, for lower tariff, and opposed to the money trust as well as the trust in the

necessaries of life.

He stands for competition of every article of consumption. He stands for the elimination of the trusts, and believes that Congress should pass a law saying no one should be a director and possibly not a stockholder in corporations dealing in the same products. By this method you destroy the trusts, open the door to competition, and thereby elevate and enervate business.

Those qualities in Governor Wilson partly explain the favor with which his Presidential candidacy has been received. He would have the advantage of appealing to the country as a new man—and certainly most of the old ones have gone terribly stale.

PRELIMINARY FIGURES
STATE'S POPULATION

A preliminary statement of the white and negro population of Florida, by counties and principal cities as shown by the returns of the Thirteenth Decennial Census, taken as of April 15, 1910, was issued Saturday by Director Durand of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce and Labor. The statistics were prepared under the direction of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population in the Census.

The total population of Florida in 1910 was subdivided as to color as follows: White, 443,646; negro, 308,669; all other persons (Indians, Chinese, Japanese and other Asiatics), 304. The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 297,333; negro, 230,730; all others 479. For 1890 they were: White, 224,949; negro, 161,180; all other, 293.

The negro population constituted 41 per cent of the total population of the state in 1910, as against 43.7 per cent in 1900 and 42.5 per cent in 1890. Jacksonville had a population in 1910 of 57,699, comprising 28,331 whites, 29,293 negroes, and 75 other persons (Indians, Chinese and Japanese). The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 12,158; negro, 16,236; all others, 35. For 1890 they were: White, 7,372; negro, 9,801; all others, 28.

The total population of St. Lucie county is given at 4,075, divided among the races at 3,210 whites and 865 colored, which is the smallest population of the forty-six counties and the smallest negro population. The 1920 census will place St. Lucie at least the 24th of the 48 counties in point of population. Mark the prediction!

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP POPULAR

The people of Fort Pierce expressed themselves as unanimously in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities, voting to bond for ninety thousand dollars, without a dissenting voice. Of this sum fifteen thousand will be used for electric lights, thirty thousand for waterworks and forty-five thousand dollars for sewers and the improvements are to be made at once.

All cities wherever municipal ownership of public utilities is found have been given a means of reducing taxes or of providing revenue to be expended on public improvements and Fort Pierce will be found showing the prosperous signs of the city's new business policy almost from the day that her progressive citizens in that election showed their unanimous determination to see that nothing in the way of up-to-date conveniences are to be found wanting in St. Lucie's capital.—Miami Metropolis.

THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of Public Instruction of St. Lucie county met as per adjournment the 18th day of December, 1911, for the purpose of auditing accounts contingent to the construction of the school buildings at Eureka, Fellsmere and Roseland and issuing warrants to pay for same and teachers' salaries. Present, B. F. Hardesty, chairman; J. F. Bell and J. W. Hodge, secretary and superintendent.

Report of superintendent as to the condition of the school building at Mars Hill received. On motion the trustees were instructed to have the house repaired and painted, the Board to furnish shell for the purpose of putting around building to hold the sand. The shell is to be at least three inches deep.

Superintendent's report as to the construction of the Roseland school house received and approved.

A petition of the patrons of Five Mile was received, asking that their school begin in January. The petition, representing twenty pupils and this being a large majority of the number in the district, was granted.

On motion, Arbor Day will be postponed until Friday, Jan. 12th, on account of vacation.

On motion, the Board ruled that teachers' monthly reports shall include the number of fire drills and the date of each. The school law, chapter 5937, of each. The school law, chapter 5937, sections 6 and 7 makes these fire drills obligatory upon the part of the teacher and school official, with penalty of removal for non-compliance. Teachers can use the blanks below the last item in classification for this purpose.

Rov Hodge was appointed to teach the school at Five Mile.

After auditing accounts of contractors and teachers to date, the Board adjourned to meet the first Monday in January, 1912.

J. W. HODGE, Secy. and Supt.

XMAS WILL BE
CELEBRATED

Yuletide Season Opens in Fort Pierce Tonight by Exercises

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREES

Five Celebrations by the Denominations—Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal and Catholic Sunday Schools

The Yuletide season in Fort Pierce opens today with the closing of school for a holiday vacation of two weeks, and the first festivities of the occasion will be the celebration by the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church in the Improvement club hall to night at 7 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christmas tree—the delight of the children—is being put in place today and decorated for the occasion, and will be loaded with candy and fruits for the members of the Sunday school—no other presents will be placed on the tree. A collection will be taken at this service to provide a Christmas dinner for the orphans of the Florida Orphanage of Jacksonville. Santa Claus will be present to delight the hearts of the little ones, and the following program will be rendered, to which the public is cordially invited:

Instrumental solo.....Mrs. McCombs
Song, "Christ is Born".....School
Prayer.....By the pastor
Song, "Long Ago in Bethlehem".....

Recitation.....By the school
Recitation.....By Doris Wilson
Recitation.....By Wesley Chambers
Song.....By Mrs. McCombs' class
Exercise....."The Christmas Garden"
Recitation.....By six children
Recitation.....Margaret Pomeroy
Recitation.....Edith Andrews
Solo.....M. McCombs
Recitation.....Sarah Kandelin
Duet....."Across the Temple Hills"
"Cranberries".....Dialogue, ten children
Santa Claus

Appropriate Christmas services will be held in all the churches at both morning and evening hours Sunday, and many of the homes in town will serve the Christmas dinner on that day.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Methodist Sunday School will celebrate Christmas with a Christmas tree and appropriate musical and literary exercises in the Methodist church Monday evening at 7:30. Here too, Santa Claus will appear and distribute the presents to the children.

The following program will be rendered by members of the church and Sunday School under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Rollins and Mrs. W. L. Baker:

PART I
Song, "Welcome Christmas Day".....
Responsive Reading.....By the school
Song, "Dear Little Stranger".....
Recitation, "Eating Santa's Cake".....
.....Zernie Merideth
Song, "Merry Christmas to All".....
.....Primary class
A Christmas Fancy, "The Road to Santa Claus' Land".....1 boy and 6 girls
Song....."Christmas Eve"
Janice Matheson, Jonnie Thompson

PART II
Song, "Silent Night".....By choir
Song....."Rock-a-bye My Dolly Dear".....
.....Irene Dewep
Song, selected.....Thelma Feigel
Reading....."Destiny of Christmas"
.....Mrs. Rollins
"The Stars".....By nine girls

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School of the Baptist church will conduct Christmas exercises in the Baptist church next Tuesday (continued on page 8)

COMMISSION ORDERS
FREIGHT REDUCTIONS

After an exhaustive review of the efforts of the Florida railroad commission to regulate the reasonableness of interstate rates applying to the movement of traffic into and out of the state, the Interstate Commerce Commission has rendered an opinion favorable to the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Association against the Atlantic Coast Line, the Seaboard Air Line and the Florida East Coast railroad.

The whole case is substantially set out in the finding and order of the commission as follows:

"From the facts disclosed by the record held that the rates upon pineapples, citrus fruits and vegetables which would result from the application of the distance tariff given in the report herein upon the line of the Florida East Coast Railway Company, the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company and the Seaboard Air Line Railway from points in Florida up to Jacksonville, when destined to points beyond in other states, would be just and reasonable, that they ought not to be ex-

ceeded for the future and that the present rates of those carriers are unjust and unreasonable to the extent that they exceed such rates.

"These cases being at issue upon complaints and answers on file and having been duly heard and submitted by the parties and full investigation of the matters and things involved having been had and the commission being of the opinion that the present rates on pineapples, citrus fruits and vegetables from points on the Florida East Coast Railway, the Seaboard Air Line Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to Jacksonville when destined for points beyond in other states are (continued on page 14)

DEMOCRACY'S CHOICE
IS COMING TO A FOCUS

Under the caption, "Coming to a Focus," the Tampa Times of Tuesday discusses the national political situation and the probable action of the nominating conventions, whose work will be well cut and dried before they assemble. The Times believes that there is little doubt as to the outcome of the deliberations of the republican body. "Prognostications in this case," says the Tampa paper, "is a waste of time. There is nothing to guess at; everything is settled. Taft is it."

Of the Democratic possibilities the Times dismisses Underwood and Champ Clark with a few words and gives no consideration to the "others sometimes mentioned" except in the comment that "even the party typified by the donkey has sanity enough remaining to eliminate all of them from the probability of consideration." Then, taking the two that are left, Wilson and Harmon, it gives the following incontrovertible summary of the situation:

"Wilson is the choice of the masses of the party, the rank and file of the people; Harmon is the candidate of the classes, the representative and favorite of the 'Interests,' in evidence of which may be cited the circular letters lately sent out to their customers by financiers of Wall street advocating his nomination. Further, the latter is the present day exponent of Clevelandism and of that school of democracy, which, whatever may be said in its favor by its adherents, is not in accord with the genius of the party of today. If the decision between the two could be left to a nation-wide primary, Wilson would be nominated by a vote of at least two-thirds of the whole; but if it rests, as it usually does, with a machine-manufactured convention led by the bosses, Harmon will be the so-called 'standard bearer,' and the party will be led into a conquest, the issue of which will be problematical."

Fairmount College, Monteagle, Tennessee

Commencement week was celebrated at Fairmount this year more elaborately than usual. Besides the usual four musical recitals, for which Fairmount is justly famed, plays were presented in German, Spanish, and English. A French play had been given at the Midsummer Festival. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. DuBose, and the ceremonies concluded with the presentation of diplomas of graduation to Miss Imogen Little, of Mobile; Miss Lilla Worthington, of Birmingham; Miss Elizabeth Lewis, of Eldred, Florida.

BATTLESHIP FLORIDA
IS PRESENTED SERVICE

While the "Florida," the world's greatest fighting machine, lay majestically in the Pensacola harbor Monday with flags and banners waving in the gentle winds of the spring-like day, the State whose name she bears, showered upon her officers and men the gifts of a people proud of the honor which took place in San Carlos Court, the steel hulk of the monster fighting vessel with guns bristling in the sunlight seemed to lose her martial bearing and take on the emblem of peace on the rostrum at her prow.

Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, accompanied by his military staff, reviewed the parade, of more than 1,000 marines and soldiers from a reviewing stand. The parade moved up Palafox street promptly at 10 o'clock and counter-marched to the San Carlos court. Stirring martial music and patriotic airs mingled with cheers from the crowds which lined the streets made the spectacle truly emblematic of American spirit and patriotism.

Immediately after the parade the crowds assembled at San Carlos court, where the presentation ceremony took place. Gov. Albert W. Gilchrist, presented the service to Rear Admiral Lucian Young, representing the navy, and to Capt. Harry W. Knapp, commander of the dreadnought. A silver tablet in memory of the late United States Senator W. J. Bryan, as the result of whose efforts the vessel was named after his State, and a loving cup and two flags from the Daughter of the Confederacy also were turned over to the officers of the big fighting ship. Major Amos E. Lewis, of Marianna, Fla., presented the tablet.

The silver service consists of 25 pieces and cost more than \$10,000, the fund being raised by popular subscription.

REMARKABLE
IS PROGRESS

Development of Florida Within Ten Years Has Been Great

CLIMATE APPRECIATED

The North is Learning More of the Sunny South and Have Better Understanding of Climate and Conditions

The development of Florida during the past ten years has been remarkable. Some have called it marvelous, but that word does not fit the facts for this development has been but a natural result of the discovery, or rather an appreciation of Florida's resources.

This great development has been anticipated and foretold for years by men who realized that the growth of Florida would follow close behind the proper publicity, and it became a question of when, how soon, the real truth, the facts about her soils and mines and forests, and the enterprise and energy of her citizens, would be published abroad to the world. And the growth of the State in population is only a realization of these early prophecies. It is but a surface indication of the extent of its development of her wealth making resources.

For thirty years or more the State of Florida has been known as a winter resort, "a winter play ground," as some called it. There were some rather popular, but unfounded notions about Florida, which made the winter climate its biggest asset, and the same hazy notions made its summers something to be shunned by the unaccustomed outsider, who believed—though he couldn't have told why—that malaria and mosquitoes, with snakes and alligators thrown in as good measure of pestilence—made a Florida summer a thing to be avoided in proportion as he loved his life.

Probably one of the most convincing eye-openers as to actual facts and conditions in Florida has been the discovery that the variations of temperatures in this State, summer and winter are less than those of any other State in the Union, north or south; that her death rate is less than seven persons to the thousand of population—less than half that of any Northern State, so far as reliable statistics are available, and that Florida has hardly her full quota of snakes, mosquitoes, and similar pests; indeed, far less than a number of Northern and Eastern States, where uncounted thousands of men and women dwell in happy and prosperous homes.

Winter visitors are coming to Florida this season in greater numbers than heretofore, but in even greater numbers are coming men and women to join those who are building up the State, who are planting the cities, groves and vegetable gardens, who are developing the turpentine and naval stores, and lumber and phosphate industries. They are coming, not as pioneers; but following the crowds. They are finding that these industries have already reached large development; they are discovering that big, thriving, metropolitan cities are growing with rapid strides as direct results of the development of agricultural, horticultural and manufacturing opportunities.

Indeed, the growth of Florida cities is more remarkable in many respects than that of her farms and groves and gardens. These latter have been the development of natural resources, of the opportunities which awaited the touch of human effort, and which have been made great in spite of the lack of skill, which often has been applied to their upbuilding. The cities have become great through human effort and energy, banded by keen foresight, where nature gave only location whose advantages are recognized and improved by man in a continuous and never-ending fight against nature.

It is such facts as these that establish the permanent and abiding character of Florida's developments, which show that, although the State is new in this growth, the sudden and rapid advance toward increasing prosperity has not the temporary character of the typical new country. This development is along the lines that have made real estate, rural, suburban and city real estate immensely valuable in Northern and Western communities, and which is increasing this value with the growth of wealth in other directions.

BULLY FOR FORT PIERCE

The citizens of Fort Pierce, at their Municipal Utility Bond election, on Tuesday 12th, spoke in no uncertain voice when they voted, without a single knocker or knocking sentiment, to spend \$90,000 00 in the following manner: For Waterworks, \$45,000; System of Sewerage, \$30,000 00; Electric Light Works, \$15,000. Of qualified voters numbering 82, 76 ballots were cast for bonds. This is a showing that any city ought to be proud of. Again, Bully for Fort Pierce and her loyal citizens.—West Palm Beach News.

Mrs. E. B. Doty, of Sebastain, was a visitor in Fort Pierce Wednesday.